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1. The present North Korean Minister of National Defense is CHONG Yun (鄭 雲), who is Soviet-trained and served as a major in the Soviet Army.¹ The position of Chief of Staff, North Korean Army formerly held by NAM Il is now vacant. KIM Ung² (金 雄) and KIM Chang-man,³ who was appointed to pacify the Chinese Communists after KIM Il-sung removed many pro-Chinese Communist generals and colonels, are both Acting Chiefs of Staff, although KIM Ung is on the way out.
2. The Minister of Social Security (MSS) is PANG Hak-se. The deputy ministers are NAM Il, who controls MSS activities in the armed forces, and PAK Hun-il (朴 勳 一), who directs the North Korean police and internal security forces.⁴
3. The Minister of Railroad Service (sic) is PAK Ui-hwan (朴 義 煥) who is Soviet-trained and served with the Soviet security forces in the Uzbek Republic.

1. [REDACTED] CH'OE Yong-kon was previously accepted as Minister of Defense.

2. [REDACTED] KIM Ung was Commander of I Corps in June 1950 and a member of the Yenan clique according to [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] Reported Chief of Staff in [REDACTED]
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4. [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] that NAM Il was Minister and PANG Hak-se a deputy and PAK Hun-il a deputy and Chief of the Counter-Intelligence Section. [REDACTED]

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